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## COMMENT.

Indications point to another Democratic victory in Iowa, this year.

Troops are to be kept on the Navajo reservation during the summer and fall to keep off mine prospectors.

A formidable rebellion against the government of the Argentine Republic is on foot, and a revolution is threatened.

A cyclone wrecked a hundred houses, killed six people, and injured fifty others at South Lawrence, Mass., last Saturday.

The city of Topeka, Kansas, has let the contract for the construction of a big dam across the Kaw river for the supply of electric light power. The work is to cost \$600,000.

A legal flaw in the sentence to imprisonment of convicts in the Kansas Penitentiary has been discovered, which is liable to lead to the summary release of some hundreds of men now confined in that institution.

The treatment by the House of the charges made against Pension Commissioner Ramm, clearly indicate that the investigation of those charges is to be a whitewashing affair. Ramm is under the protection of Speaker Reed.

Senator Plumb is becoming a source of anxiety to the McKinley tariff people. They think him very impudent in asking of them the reasons for many of the peculiar features of their peculiar tariff bill. Several other Republican Senators are inclined to side with Plumb, and the outlook for the McKinley bill, this session, is not promising.

The total exports of American wheat for 1889 was forty-six million bushels. Of that Great Britain took thirty million bushels. Not much danger of war with such a customer as that. It is all very well for Mr. Blaine to twist the lion's tail occasionally—it gives him occupation and is diverting to the crowd—but it isn't business.

The Socorro Advertiser puts the case tersely and fairly when it says: "The question is this. Do we need statehood and Tom Catron worse than we need a good school law? If you believe we should have Tom and statehood and that we don't need public schools, you should certainly support statehood. If you think we need schools vote against statehood, and let congress furnish us the school law."

Blaine denounces the McKinley tariff bill, and says it will "not open up a market for a bushel of wheat or a barrel of pork." What is true of the McKinley bill is true of all the protective tariff bills that have ever been passed. Democrats have been telling this for many years, and it is gratifying to find that at least one conspicuous protective tariff Republican has been at last convinced of it. The chances are that Blaine has smashed the McKinley Bill.

A close and careful estimate of the receipts & expenditures of the Government, by members of the House Appropriation Committee, make it certain that the current fiscal year will show a deficit in the National treasury of not less than twenty seven million dollars, and the dependent pension bill is not unlikely to run it up to fifty millions. The Cleveland administration and a Democratic House left a surplus of eighty millions in the treasury, but the reckless appropriations of the first two years of the Harrison administration and a Republican House and Senate have in that brief space effectively accentuated Tanner's obnoxious remark "To hell with the surplus!" It has gone there, and every tax payer in the country must now go down still deeper into his pocket to keep the government running, or witness the disgraceful spectacle of the richest people on earth going into the market again as a borrower.

## IN THEIR TRUE COLORS.

That those who control the Republican party organization in this Territory are irreversibly opposed to any effective system of free, non-sectarian education for New Mexico, is at last fully developed. It is hard to believe that men of intelligence and patriotic public spirit, born and reared under a government whose corner stone is in a large sense the American public school system, who aspire to create and direct an American state, should be willing to put themselves on record in the brazen, public manner they have, in opposition to the incorporation of that system in its broadest, fullest, most effective form, upon the public policy of the community they pretend to represent.

Yet their record almost puts doubt beyond question.

Four years ago, at the 27th session of the Legislature, which was two-thirds Republican, an effort was made to amend so as to make effective the apology we have for a public school law, but failed utterly and almost without a struggle, its friends were so few.

The subject was then canvassed somewhat generally throughout the Territory, with a view to a renewal of the effort in the 28th Legislature. That body was three-fourths Republican after violently unseating a half dozen Democrats who were known to favor the enactment of a thorough system of non-sectarian public schools.

Notwithstanding this, a vigorous effort was made and the passage of the Kistler bill by the House was the result, but it failed in the Senate, through influences and methods which we have heretofore described in detail.

Immediately upon the adjournment of that Legislature a public address was issued by the Governor to Congress and the people of the Territory urging that as there was no longer hope of action in the premises by the Legislature, Congress be appealed to for the necessary legislation.

That appeal was made, and in response thereto we have the Perkins bill—a bill similar to but better than the Kistler bill.

That bill is endorsed by a large majority of the newspapers of the Territory, and they undoubtedly voice the almost unanimous sentiment of the people.

Yet a vigorous effort is now on foot to defeat it, and it comes primarily from a little coterie of land grant claimants and owners, and their attorneys and hangers on, the latter headed by an ex-convict, and which assumes, falsely, we believe, to represent the Republican party in New Mexico. They met at Albuquerque the other day and officially formulated the following declaration on this subject:

We regard the Perkins bill now pending before Congress as an unwarranted interference, and one which if enacted into a law, would abolish public schools in all portions of the school districts of this territory. We respectfully but firmly resist this attempt to supersede one of our most vital interests, and we earnestly petition the Congress of the United States to grant for the support of our schools and other institutions for lands and money so freely and wisely given to the states of the union.

The logic and purpose of this resolution will be comprehended more fully when it is known, as is the fact, that it was offered by a gentleman who was very active and very largely instrumental as a member of the Legislative council in defeating the Kistler school bill—who is also a large grant owner and averse to paying the taxes on his grants that a system of free schools would involve, and who was also an active and influential member of the convention that made the Constitution now pending, which peremptorily and in terms prohibits the collection of the necessary taxes for supporting public schools and building school houses, and who, moreover, comes nearer being the brains of his party and dictating its policies, than any other man in it.

These gentlemen have thus irreversibly fixed their position, and in manner that renders impossible all escape from the conclusion that they are opposed to any system of public education, and more

especially any system that involves taxation.

They prevented, by methods at once dishonest and dishonorable, the passage of a school law by the Legislature, they formulated a Constitution which in heroic and grandiloquent phrases ordained the establishment and maintenance of a public school system and then restricted the taxing power in such a way as to render such an establishment forever impossible without a constitutional amendment—and now, consistently, too, are bitterly denouncing the efforts of the friends of public education all over the Territory, to procure authority from Congress for the establishment of public schools—characterizing the introduction of the bill as "unwarranted interference."

Supposing these men represented any considerable proportion of the people of New Mexico, could anything have been said more damaging as to the fitness of this people for statehood, than the above resolution of the Republican League.

## FURTHER ENDORSEMENTS OF THE PERKINS BILL.

Public and enthusiastic endorsements of the Perkins bill for the establishment of public schools in New Mexico, continue to come in from all quarters of the Territory.

It has been rare that a proposition of legislation by Congress in regard to this Territory has met with such spontaneous general approbation by the people, as has this. There has never been a proposition before Congress, not even the land court bill, of such transcendent consequence to the future of this Territory, as this, and it is eminently proper that every possible effort should be made by those who are most vitally interested, and that includes all the people, to secure its passage.

We publish this week a number of additional extracts from the Territorial press in popular endorsement of the measure, as follows:

(Pinos Altos Mirror.)  
The Perkins educational bill is a God-send to the people of New Mexico.

(Gallup Elk.)

The "Perkins Bill," like a distant hope, glows in our imagination and a petition to congress has been circulated, which has been largely signed, praying for its speedy passage. Our people believe there is hope in Congress, if there is none in a New Mexico Legislature.

(Las Vegas Optic.)

The people are willing to pay the taxes consequent to the bill becoming a law, and the corporations whose stockholders and directors are non-residents must be made to bear their share of the burden. With the advancement of the bill, the corporations will be able to secure a benefit with the people, and they must be made to pay for it.

(White Oaks Interpreter.)

The New Mexican is strong in its opposition to the Perkins school bill, and is intensely anxious about statehood. The inconsistency of such a course could only emanate from the extreme parties of the bill. Every intelligent citizen cries, give us schools by all means, but this is not the policy of the leaders of the party. Hon. Thomas Catron put a knife in all hearts looking toward a permanent school fund, when he and his cohorts defeated the Kistler School Bill in the last Legislature.

(Kingston Blade.)

A petition twenty-two feet long was forwarded from Kingston to the Hon. B. W. Perkins, Washington, D. C., Thursday morning, praying the House of Representatives to pass the "Perkins Bill," providing for a public school system for New Mexico.

The Perkins Bill seems to have struck the popular heart in Sierra County. Every body is in favor of it, and have signed petitions praying for its passage. Sierra County is a progressive and intelligent community, therefore there is no kick.

Fairview is in favor of a free public school system, same as the "Perkins Bill," and has forwarded to Washington a petition that was signed by every one, asking Congress to give New Mexico a common school law. The citizens of Fairview are progressive and intelligent, and demand that Congress pass a law guaranteeing to this Territory a good public school law.

(Resolutions of the Las Vegas Meeting.)

We are earnestly in favor of a law providing for a system of common schools in this Territory, and for the necessary taxation to maintain the same in every school district at least nine months in each year, and believe that such a law would be approved by the people, and be of the utmost benefit to all classes and especially to those unable to educate their children at private schools.

We earnestly urge upon Congress to take prompt action upon the pending bill and to pass the same, with such amendments as may be desirable before adjournment of the present session.

We express to Hon. B. W. Perkins the warm thanks of the people here represented, for the interest he has taken in the welfare of New Mexico, and request him to continue his work until the bill has passed both houses of Congress.

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